മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ഫൈനൽ പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായിരിക്കണമെന്ന നിർബ്ബന്ധംകൂടി വേണ്ടെന്നു വെക്കരുതേ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഒരുകാലത്തു് അങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വി. ഇയ്യു: പക്ഷെ, എന്തെങ്കിലും പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളവർ വേണമെന്നു വെച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു് കുട്ടികളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ശരിയായി നിവ്വഹിക്കാനല്ലേ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Sir, I have made very exhaustive replies and some questions are being repeated over and over again.

Mr. President: Then you say you have nothing to add.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I have nothing to add.

Mr. President: That is the exact answer to such questions.

MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—STUDENTS' COUNCIL

53. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the functions of the Students' Council in the Maharaja's College;

(*b*) whether membership is compulsory; and

(*c*) whether the accounts of the Council are ever audited by the Comptroller's Office?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) (*i*) to report on matters referred to by the Principal.

(*ii*) to make suggestions for the improvement of the amenities of student life in the College.

(*iii*) to appoint sub-committees to conduct functions such as College Day, Sports and College Anniversaries.

(*iv*) to maintain and control the students' common room and also to control the conduct of all important college functions and sports fixtures.

(*b*) No. (The Council is an elected body by the members of the Students' Union. All students are members of the Students' Union).

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(c) No. (But the audit is done yearly by one of the members of the staff of the Mathematics Department of the College).

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know Sir, whether membership to the Students' Council is compulsory?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know the fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: A fee of Rs. 1—8—0 is levied per year.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: If the membership is compulsory, may I know why the Comptroller's Department is not auditing the accounts instead of audit by a member of the Mathematics Staff?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I do not quite understand. Why, if the fee is compulsory, it should be audited by the Comptroller's Office?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Because when it becomes a quasi-Governmental institution.....

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: It is fully a Government institution.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: If that is so, may I know the reason why the Comptroller's Office does not conduct the audit?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Although the institution is a Government one, there may be minor bodies within the institution itself.

Mr. V. K. Bahaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: I know well Sir, that the Maharaja's College is a Government institution. But I am speaking about the Students' Council.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There are some associations within the College which are formed by the students and although the fee is compulsorily levied as part of the regular fees, it is ear-marked for a specific purpose and the expenditure is incurred not by any authority of Government, but by the students themselves. So there is no reason why it should be audited by the Accounts Department unless there is a case made out of gross mal-administration of the fund.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has the Government received any such complaints?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* We have not received any complaints.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are not clerks of the Director's Office deputed to audit the accounts of certain schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In certain cases, we send clerks.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Are the Government aware that this compulsory levy of fees tells heavily upon the students who have to pay it over and above regular fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* As time goes on, I think it is more true that all fees will become a general burden. In that sense, I think this fee is felt as a burden by some of the students.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What is the total collection out of this?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a matter of simple arithmetic. We have about 800 or 900 students in all and they pay at the rate of Re. 1—8—0 each.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does it require the sanction of the Government to spend this amount?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is there any other compulsory subscription in the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not that I know of.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Are there any other associations?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are other minor associations. There are some subject associations, like the history association. In the case of these associations I do not think the levy is compulsory.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is membership to such associations compulsory?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not compulsory.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is not the Literary Association in the Maharaja's College a common association?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is the same as the Students' Union.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, whether if a student is not agreeable to pay the subscription, he will be sent out?

Mr. President: He will be made to pay.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether a refusal to pay the fee will entail the dismissal from the College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No such case has occurred till now. The rule is this: All students of the College who are members of the Union shall pay a composition fee of Re. 1—8—0 per year. This fee will be collected in the manner in which other fees are collected and is subject to the penalties imposed in the case of failure of the payment of other fees.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government has any objection to fix the maximum subscription that can be realised from a student for this as well as other associations, whether compulsory or not?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Although these internal fees are levied compulsorily, they are more or less in the nature of a democratic levy. They become compulsory, because they are all fixed by the old Students' Union, so that I do not think there is a case made out for Government's making any sort of intervention in respect of this internal levy. So far Government has received no sort of complaint from any one from the College. We have neither received any sort of complaint from the old boys too so that I do not think there is a case now for the Government to make any sort of interference.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the fee is fixed by the Union or by the College authorities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I do not know to whom it was fixed originally. But it has been uniformly paid to the Union till now.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, whether such Unions exist in other colleges?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There are a good number of colleges where such Unions exist and where a levy is made.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I move for a closure, Sir *(Laughter).*

CHALAKKUDI—VETTUKKADAVU ROAD

54. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has considered the urgent necessity of constructing a road from the Chalakkudi Market to Vettukkadavu;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the extreme inconvenience to school children especially during the rainy season?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) A portion of this road has already been laid. The remaining portion involves the construction of an embankment. The question of constructing the embankment will be considered after the completion of the Road Board Programme which is being carried out at present.

(*b*) There is some inconvenience during the rainy season.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the estimated cost of this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not know whether they have made an estimate for its construction.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What I submit is with a small cost, it could be made.

Mr. K. S. Panikkar *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* What is the total length of this road approximately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എത്രയും ഭാഗം നിക്കണ്ട പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്, കുറച്ചു ഭാഗം ബണ്ടിടാനും ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. ഇപ്പോൾ പണി കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തിനിനും ബണ്ടിടണമെങ്കിൽ എത്ര അടി ഉയരത്തിൽ മണ്ണിടേണ്ടിവരും?

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